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THE EVENING STAR has a regular and ter and fertile soil." But the rush for Kili-

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permanent circulation in Washing-

Usambara, Karagwe, the Upper Congo and

the mountainous districts around the Ny-

assa, will prove excellent fields for white

settlement, for they possess all the neces-

sary conditions-healthy air, plenty of wa-

mandsharo should not set in just yet, for

were removed by the gradual elimination of

the frontier in this country, but a vast

majority of native Africans are agricultur-

ists and cattle raisers, and may, the doc-

tor thinks, be extremely useful to those

whose ultimate intention it is to possess

the land that has always belonged to the

continent to civilization is the organization

of native labor by white intelligence. He

is satisfied that when the negro learns to

create new values by his own labor, he will

in turn get into the condition to increase

his desires and to satisfy them by buying

from foreign countries, and by this process

will the commercial importance of the con-

tinent surely grow. There are great min-

eral ranges in many parts of the country-

it is the land of Ophir-but they have been

comparatively untouched by the prospector

for thousands of years. Coffee, tea, cocoa

tobacco, cotton, vanilla and many other

staple products reach their highest stage

of development in the regions named by the

doctor, and there seems to be no good rea-

son why among the pioneers who shall

achieve wealth in the land about which so

little is now known there should not be

fair sprinkling of energetic Americans. The

difficulties to be encountered are no greater

than those surmounted by thousands in

this country who are not yet old. The peo ple who hunger and thirst after new ter-

ritory may find it in the heart of Africa.

Somewhat improbable, and yet having on

its surface the thumbmarks of possibility,

is the story that the life of the world's Co-

lumbian exposition will be extended into

November. The story goes that several of

the railroads running into Chicago will re-

duce their rates materially during the first

two weeks of November, and thus bring

about a tremendous rush of traffic, which

it is expected, will result in actual profits

for those who hold stock in the fair. Too

late the railroads are awakening to a sit-

uation apparent to others long ago. A ten-

dollar round trip rate from Washington,

Baitimore and Philadelphia, with sleeping

car privileges, would have resulted in much

more of a surplus than will come from the

methods that have been employed. It is

not too late, even yet, to catch on to the

Senator Cameron has contributed his mite

to the confusion which exists with refer-

ing more and more difficult to judge of a

man's attitude on public questions by the

In the interests of the candor that should

exist between nations, it is hoped that the

Rio de Janeiro bombardment has not been

suspended owing to a lack of facilities for

Lord Dunraven is said to suffer with the

gout. But, as he is a yacht racer and not

The proof readers at the Government

An electric machine has been devised by

Among the things that help to explain the

disorder in the Cherokee Strip is the fact

that there are about 20,000 populists among

Lord Dunraven says that at home the re-

porters do not notice him. This remark

brings new justification for the numerous

comments on the slowness of London news

The present is one of the stiffest breezes

Mr. Van Alen should hasten to ascertain

It is a great pity that the Senators can-

not save their rhetoric and write pieces for

SHOOTING STARS.

Consolation.

"Now," said a writer to a paragraph, "be

a good little joke, and when you are old

Sympathetic.

"How long have these men been here,

talking in this way?" said the pretty girl in

"Ever since August," replied her escort,

"As long as they can."

homes to go to."

"And how much longer are they going to

"Poor things! I suppose they haven't any

An Autumn Invocation.

By talk of trees where limbs are bare.

All Gone.

The nights are cold,

Come forth, oh blythe autumnal jest

And bring us sweet relief from care;

Awake our smiles with naughty zest

"Ere long," he murmured with a sigh,

"Some comfort I can find:

Though I must waive official pie,

There's still the pumpkin kind."

the magazines with it.

the sentiments of the Mafia on the monocle

that the tall sycamore of the Wabash ever

which a voter indicates his choice by press-

Printing Office are objects of general sym-

a sprinter, this does not materially affect

political affiliations that he claims.

ence to political classification. It is grow-

tail end of the procession.

news transmission.

ial speeches actual perusal.

the situation.

of conjecture.

ton more than three times larger the doctor admits that the districts he than that of any other paper. As a named are "like cases in the steppes and News and Advertising Medium it has must first be connected with the coast by railway before we may dare to take settlers to them." In some portions of the D'Letters to THE STAR should be so continent the native races will surely disaddressed, or to the Editorial or Busiappear before the advance of the white ness Department, according to their race, just as so many of the Indian tribes character or purpose, not to any indi-

vidual connected with the office. The customary defense of the intervention of Judge Lynch is the law's delay, uncertainty, ineffectiveness. The most recent cases of lynching or attempted lynching have not, however, had this defense, since the negroes concerned, who had committed capital offenses, would have had small chance of escaping death at the hands of the law, even if they had escaped the lynchers. And in the most recent cases it does not appear that the offense was of that character, committed against woman, which inspires every individual with the savage, avenging impulse, and the flerce desire to make of the offender a quick and terrible example. The fact that when once the habit is formed of taking the law into one's own hands there will be no nice discrimination between justifiable and unjustifiable infractions of the law is emphasized by recent experience, and more especially by the case where the mob tortured to death guiltless brothers of a negro murderer in the effort to extort a confession of the whereabouts of the criminal. The lynching spirit is not, however, confined to the south, and it is unwise for any defender of it to base his argument upon that assumption. The tendency of the individual to disregard under stress of passion the limitations placed upon him by the organization-society or the state-of which he is a member, and to demand individually an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth, no longer, however, recognizing the existence of cities of refuge, crops out in the west and north and east as well as the south. The only shape which retributive justice could take among Indians, in new mining

of humanity appears, untimely, in organized and civilized communities. If there are not enough courts, and the law's delay works suffering and injustice, increase the number of courts. If certain features of the jury system breed injustice eliminate or modify these features. If the law is at times ineffective strive to make it effective; do not strike it down. Do not resolve state and society into their original elements of disorganized groups of warring individuals, anarchical as to government, lacking laws, among whom only might makes right. Do not declare modern civilization a failure without giving it a chance to defend, and, it may be, reform itself. Do not surrender it without further trial to the mob to be lynched.

camps and other unorganized aggregations

If a fraction of the fierce energy which has been expended upon lynchings and other such subversions of the law in all parts of the republic had been intelligently directed toward compelling a reform of the law and of court methods Judge Lynch would long ago have been deprived of the last shadow of excuse for his continued

It is the opinion of engineers that the speed of the fastest railroad trains in this country and Europe has reached about the highest limit of safety under the present conditions. The difficulty lies in the curves of railroads. If some motive power were applied capable of producing double the speed obtained from the steam locomotive it could not be used on existing railroads without the constant danger of hurling pathy. They have to give all the Senatortrains off the track at a tangent whenever ments are being made with what is known as the single rail system, which, it is believed, will solve the problem of speed. In ing a button. Who does the rest is a matter this system the cars sit astride of a single rail, raised to the height of four feet from the ground, while on either side, near the ground, are guide rails on which a set of small wheels run. It is claimed that with this system it is almost impossible to throw a train from the rails, and the public will be able to enjoy the advantage of the high rates of speed, 100 or 150 miles an hour, promised by experiments with electric motors. The system, it is said, can be applied to the present roads, and much of the work of original construction can be saved. The cost of straightening American roads would be so great, it is asserted, that the

only feasible way to provide for high speed

is to change the character of the rails. There is an evident disposition on the part of many hypercritical beings to condemn President Cleveland for his decision against public receptions. The condemnation is based most flimsily if indeed it has any foundation at all. Having its origin in the good nature of a President who held the supreme office when the country's population was but a fraction of its present magnitude the custom has grown until the thoughtless public have come to regard it as an unabridgable right. When President Cleveland first occupied the Executive Mansion he outdid his predecessors by receiving the general public three days in each week. It was a gracious and pleasant thing to do and it was highly appreciated by hun- enough you shall have the honor of being dreds of thousands, not only of citizens, ascribed by the magazines to one or another but also of foreign tourists. President Har- of the world's most celebrated people." rison was equally kind, for he continued the practice throughout his entire term, although often at great inconvenience. The handshaking process was a wearlsome affair at best for the one man who had to the Senate gallery. present a more or less dignified smile with every squeeze, and if President Cleveland finds its monotony insufferable he is not stay?" obliged to abide by precedent. The humblest citizen reserves to himself the right of refusal to shake hands; surely the nation's chief magistrate may decline if he so de-

The Midway Plaisance is now adding to its novelties by the combination of the oriental costume with the American ready-

times the toll is rather excessive.

that wait the coming of the agriculturally

inclined. These tracts are not, it is true, in

the United States, but they are nevertheles

of great fertility and will sooner or late:

come into the possession of the never satis

Swamp, varied with immense stretches of

experience of colonists devises plans for

calls attention to the fact that in the

today Germany is a densely populated and

very healthy country. The rapid-working

All roads may lead to Rome, but some

The skies are gray, The frost king now Some of the many thousands of men and Is on his way. women who were disappointed in their en-We miss the birds: We miss the bees; overfull Cherokee Strip may be interested We miss the flow'rs in the information which makes plain the existence of great tracts of valuable land

And leafy trees. 'Tis joy to state, The old front gate.

fled white man. They are in Africa, and A Problem. Dr. Carl Peters, the young but eminent "John," said his wife, "what are you do German explorer, is fully convinced that ing?"

they will not long remain idle. In a con-"Figuring," he replied. tribution to the Forum Dr. Peters says that "Figuring on what?" the average American's opinion-due partly, "On which we can better afford to do; buy coal or use the parlor furniture for no doubt, to the wee-begone stories of some returned negro pilgrims from Liberia-is fuel." that Africa is a sort of immense Dismal

Worth It. sandy desert or impenetrable forests. Of Some slight sense of regret and reminders

course there are portions of the Dark Continent that will never be very heavily popu-Give his face an expression of care; lated save by natives, but there is much But his sorrow all sinks and he smiles when land now available, and in years to come there will be very much more. Health con-Of the great time he had at the fair. ditions are everywhere improving, as the

Onlookers at the Sport. smellorating climatic influences. Dr. Peters From the Chicago Evening Post. The members of the United States Senate

time of Tacitus Germany was considered one of the most dreaded and dangerous of fever countries, and everybody knows that In Darkest Africa.

ingenuity of today will accomplish similar From the Philadelphia Times. results in the unhealthy portions of Africa in very much less time. But all of Africa is not unhealthy, and Dr. Peters insists

They now explain the story of Emin Pasha's having been eaten by cannibals, saying he just disappeared into the interior of Africa.

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